# CALHOUN COUNTY MUSEUM

#### **Congratulations Students**

American History students under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Wienges, did an outstanding job with their junior research projects last year. On the first day of school last fall. the students were given a detailed outline of this yearlong assignment. Each student was to present a detailed, documented study of his family history. Mrs. Wienges began this important endeavor seven years ago and this project is a wonderful example of teaching with vision. The museum and Mrs. Wienges joined forces to help meet the needs of the students. Mrs. Roland, museum director, presented several lectures on genealogy, along with hands on demonstrations in the museum archives. Final projects were put on public display during the month of May. Projects were judged by out of county professionals. Awards for outstanding projects were as follows: Cover: First place-Kristen Fogle, Winner-Katie Gressette; Creative Presentation: Winner -Bret Funderburke, Junior Achievement-General Section: First place-Bret Funderburke; Winner-Jeff Paulling; Junior Achievement Award Academic Section: First place- Katie Gressette, Winner-Mimi Rickenbaker.

### DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Our hearts go out to all Americans for the lives that were lost during the recent terrorist attack. I am proud of the patriotism that has been displayed throughout our state and nation. As a part of the relief, I want to remind each of you The Calhoun Players will be holding a talent show on October 27, 2001 at Calhoun County High School. (See article)

Again we have had another successful year. We owe this success to each of you. Our research room has gone through some major changes and we are very proud of the books that have been added to our collection. Our website has been visited more than we ever imagined. We are trying to answer inquiries as fast as we can. You just wouldn't believe all of the e-mails we receive!

We would like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Xennie Weeks, principal of **Sheridan Elementary** 

School. All third grades from this school attended our South Carolina classes this past year.

Plans are now completed for our new building, 6,700 square feet are being added and expansion plan's will begin in mid November. New exhibits will house the history of electricity, the telephone, agriculture, a 1930's kitchen, and a small media center. A large activities room with a small stage is also a part of our new plan. The new courtvard that will be built between the old and new buildings excites many. We invite you to come by and take a look at our plans. Again, we would like to say special thanks to all of those who have made our dreams come true. The Historical Commission, our building committee, and West Summers have worked extremely hard to make the best utilizations of our funds.

The museum lost one of

our best friends and volunteers this vear. Mr. John David Stack died in May. I can't tell you the number of things that he did for the museum over the past 10+ years. If you ever wondered where our round tables came from you can stop wondering. John David made them. Our bike that is hanging from the ceiling, remodeling of our old bank vault, patterns for Christmas tree forms, the lamp post sign, and our pine cone picker-uppers, were all made unselfishly by this very talented man. My list could go on and on. His natural talent for woodwork was close to genius, and he never turned me down when I needed a helping hand. I will always cherish my friendship and time spent with Mr. John David. He will be missed by so many, but will never be forgotten.

I want to remind everyone that all of our programs are sponsored in part by the S.C. Arts Commission which receives funding from the National Endowment For The Arts.

Debbie Raland

### DR. WALTER EDGAR BOOK SIGNING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2001

Make sure you mark your calendar for November 11, 2001. Dr. Walter Edgar will be on hand for a short lecture and book signing. His new book will be on sale during this event. Due to the overwhelming response of his last visit, this event will be held on a Sunday. There will be no admission charge, and light refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored in part by the S.C. Arts Commission, which receives funding from the NEA, and the friends of The Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center.

The Calhoun County Museum would like to thank everyone that sent memorials to the museum this past year. As always each name has been added to our Museum Book of Memories. Special donations we received that were not memorials were also added. When the museum receives donations a special letter is sent to the family. We have been overjoyed with your thoughtfulness. Thank you.

Over the past several months those making special donations as memorials or a gift in honor of someone were:

Miss Hanna Pearlstine

Mrs. Debbie Roland

Mrs. Joyce Zilch

The Class of 72 Mrs. Roger Hill

Mrs. Frances R. Culclasure Mrs. Joan Warshauer

Mrs. Margaret Wise Mr. Richard Wise

Mrs. Marjorie Cooper

Mr. Mike Wise

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Schulman

Ms. Karen P. Riley

Mrs. Rhea Von Lehe Ashley Ms. Marilyn Fine

Mrs. Jeanne W. Ulmer

Dr. & Mrs. Roger Grambling Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Lackey

Mr. and Mrs. John Felder

Mrs. Tissy Grubb

Mrs. Becky York

Mr. Furman M. Prickett, Jr.

Many donations given were placed in the Darrell Cooper Fund, C.F. Ulmer

Endowment, or in the donation fund. Memorials were in memory of Mr. Blake Prince.

Mr. A.J. Wise, Jr., Mr. John David Stack, Mr. Jim Sypult, Mrs. Carole Prickett, and Mrs. Mary Ella Walters.

#### Museum Wish List

Looking for a way to make a donation to the museum? Many of you have asked us what we need, so we have made a wish list

Lap top computer

Animated manikin

Old phones

Photographs

Oral and written history's

Fiag pole Fountain for the Courtvard

Museum sign Books for archives

Can't make up your mind? Money is always welcome.

Do you have a special talent that you would like to share? Well, the museum is looking for creative people who want to share their time. Some of the areas on our wish list of hidden talents are:

Woodworkers

**Grant Writers** 

**Special Events Coordinators** 

**Fundraisers** 

Lawn and Garden

If you have any of the above abilities and would like to join our efforts, please drop us a line or give us a call. We might have a volunteer job waiting for you.

### CALHOUN PLAYERS **PRODUCTIONS**

The Calhoun County Museum served as a sponsor for the summer production of the Calhoun Players. Kids Under Construction was held at the Calhoun County High School Auditorium on Aug. 2,3, and 4. Due to the overwhelming response, the Calhoun Players presented Kids Under Construction in Bamberg on September 22 and will present this again on October 20th at the Cameron Auditorium. Proceeds from this production will be donated to the Red Cross.

Other plays sponsored by the museum last year and presented by the Calhoun Players were Clue and Little Abner. The museum is very proud of the outstanding performances they have taken on. Each member is to be commended for their hard work and dedication for our community. If you missed any of these events, then you missed something special.

Don't forget Kids Under Construction show, October 20th, it's the last time you will get a chance to see this darling production. It is a show for all ages and children are welcome to join in on the fun.

### Carolina Arts

Calhoun County Museum

### Caring Hearts—October 27, 2001

In an ongoing effort to support The Red Cross Relief project a special evening of talent is being planned for 7:00 p.m. October 27, 2001 at the Calhoun County High School Auditorium in St. Matthews. The Calhoun Players and The Calhoun County Museum once again joined forces to support our community, state, and nation during our country's crisis. If you have been wondering how you can help support our nation during this time please join us. We hope that through the arts we will be able to bring all citizens closer together and raise funding for the Relief efforts of the Red Cross and help the thousands who are in such a time of need.

We are asking all performing, or visual artists who are willing to volunteer their time and talent to reach out and be a part of this event. A silent auction of visual talent will be on exhibit in the front gallery of the auditorium with the doors opening at 6:00 for a preview and show time will begin promptly at 7:00. A theme of Patriotic music and dance is being used, and artists of all ages are invited to join in and give us a hand. Please call Chuck Stoudenmire at 803-874-2194, or Debbie Roland 803-874-3964 and we will be glad to give you a run down of our plans. Remember ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE RED CROSS RELIEF PROJECT.

### Heritage Preserve Established In Calhoun County

Richard Watkins

The SC Dept. of Natural Resources recently purchased a 201-acre tract along the Congaree River at Fort Motte. At a ceremony Aug. 10, attended by many county residents, the property was dedicated as a South Carolina Heritage Preserve - the 65th in the state, but the first in Calhoun County. It has been named Congaree Bluffs Heritage Preserve because of the tract's most spectacular feature: the high bluff overlooking the Congaree River and the forested floodplain of Congaree Swamp National Monument.

The 201-acre tract was acquired through cooperative efforts of the Congaree Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, the Calhoun Soil and Water Conservation District, the Calhoun County Legislative Delegation, Friends of Congaree Swamp, the SC Dept. of Natural Resources (including the Heritage Trust Advisory Board and the Natural Resources Board), and Cynthia Kohn at Earth Properties. The tract was purchased from a willing seller, utilizing the state's Heritage Land Trust Fund.

Congaree Bluffs Heritage Preserve adjoins a 5-acre tract donated in 1993 to the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center by the Estate of Mrs. Frances Kellers. Calhoun Museum personnel and Calhoun Conservation District commissioners will participate with the SC Dept. of Natural Resources in formulating the Heritage Preserve management plan. The Museum and the Conservation District look forward to utilizing Congaree Bluffs Heritage Preserve for educational programs to benefit students in the county.

"Congaree Bluffs Heritage Preserve is a wonderful example of the natural and cultural resources that make Calhoun County so special," commented Museum Director Debbie Roland. "Let's hope other outstanding natural and cultural features in our county will be protected before the opportunity is lost forever."

"Heritage Trust Archaeologist Chris Judge is currently pursuing funds to conduct an archaeological inventory at Congaree Bluffs Heritage Preserve," explained Museum Director Debbie Roland. "The Calhoun County Museum is very excited to be a partner in this program."

Visitors are welcome at Congaree Bluffs Heritage Preserve, but visitors should be reminded that removal of any archaeological findings is against the law.

#### Input Needed

As you enter the doors of the museum you will see a box marked us your ideas. Would you rather write us a letter? That would be great or take one of our questionnaires with you after your next visit. We are here to serve you, but we aren't mind readers. So please let us know what you want. It only takes a few moments and your input can have a lasting effect. As always we love to hear about the programs we now offer and if they are effective. Take the time and give us a hand. Working together in our community will ensure us that Calhoun County is the place to



### Thank you

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Last year Carolina Eastman gave a very generous donation to the Museum. Their support helps to sponsor several outside museum programs and buy some of the new bookcases in our archives. Your continued support has been vital to our growth. Thank you!

#### **Dietrich Foundation**

Thank you, thank you! Your support has been used to buy a new computer for the archives.

#### Calhoun County Historical Commission Board Members

Doraine Wannamaker, President Carolyn Dietrich, Vice President Linda Whetstone, Secretary Martha Emily Shirer Callie Wienges Freddie Mae Robinson Sondra Senn Lu Ann Smith Beverly Walling

### South Carolina Play Is Big Success

The Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center offered a special program for Calhoun Academy this past year. After many visits to the museum, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes presented a South Carolina Play. Vocabulary for this play came as a direct result of visits to the

museum, and the South Carolina State guidelines for Social Studies. Mrs. Jean Reid coordinated this project along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers and museum director, Debbie Roland. All students learned to shag, line dance, and do the Charleston. Special songs written by Mrs. Nelle Sprott were sung. This same program is being offered to Mr. Jones's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at Guinyard Elementary School this year. Look out children of the sixties these future citizens of tomorrow are now your shagging competition today.

### **Calhoun County Historical Society**

Have you wondered what happened to the Calhoun County Historical Society? Well, so do we. It seems that this organization has been sleeping and we are ready to give them a wake up call. So if you are interested in the preservation of Calhoun County and her history you will want to be a part of this group. Please drop us a line and we will let you know when the next meeting will be held. A special county tour is being planned for the spring of 2003, so come and join the fun. Let's don't continue to be a sleeping community. Stand up and be counted, for tomorrow may never come.

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### GIFTS GALORE

If you haven't visited the museum Gift Shop, you are missing a real treat. Items of all types can be purchased. Calhoun County hand painted Christmas ornaments have arrived and are quite impressive. Looking for something that represents South Carolina? Well give us a try because we have a large selection. Wedding presents of all shapes and sizes can be yours and we are sure that the price will be right. Don't forget that the museum carries all items made at the L. Marion Gressette Center Woodshop. There is a large selection of South Carolina crafted items. Have you seen something special and can't find it now? Let us know, and we might be able to special order just what you need. Don't forget all members of the Friends receive a 10% discount while shopping with us.

#### **Mother Goose Visits Calhoun County**



For those of you who haven't visited our county's library lately, you are missing a real treat. The library staff and director have been busy cleaning and revamping their facilities and it has been the talk of the town. As a part of their efforts, the museum and library have formed a partnership and have been thrilled with the results. During this past summers reading program, the museum sponsored Mother Goose who came and told stories to the eager readers in our area. The museum and library will continue this program twice a month over this next year. Mother Goose, locally known as Nina Smith, is from Cameron. Ms. Smith has recently been placed on the South Carolina Approved Artist Roster. Special congratulations and many thanks go out to our library and Mother Goose.

### **Older Citizens Having Fun**

The Calhoun County Museum and the S.C. Arts Commission which receives funding from the NEA, is sponsoring a special program at the Calhoun County Convalescent Center in St. Matthews. Each week Mrs. Jean Reid goes to the center and teaches dance movement classes. These classes have been well received over the past several years and the museum will continue this service for the year 2001-2002. This project has given meaningful experience to citizens who are unable to enjoy other museum programs. Mrs. Reid has a real talent for getting people moving. Regardless of any disability, there is an opportunity to join in on the fun. As a part of this program, students from the Calhoun Dance Studio perform several times a year. This is our museum's way of reaching out to all areas through "The Arts".

### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

It's that time of the year when all memberships have expired. Our Friends drive is now under way and we need your help. Our Friends program began several years ago and because of your continued support, we have been able to add special programs and items to our facility. Everyone who joins now will receive a special discount for our 2002 Gala and Grand Opening. Our membership drive will last throughout the months of October and November. Don't forget you receive a 10% discount in our gift shop, and any special mailing throughout the year. Come reach deep down, we need your help so that we can grow and continue to be "The Best Small Museum In South Carolina". All donations are tax deductible. Please make your checks out to Friends of The Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center.



#### TERRY YOUNG IS COMMISSIONED

Terry Young, who is one of Calhoun County's up and coming outstanding artists, has been commissioned by the museum to paint several local scenes of our area. Mrs. Young and her family moved to St. Matthews in 1998. Upon completion of these paintings, prints will be made from the originals. Mrs. Young will be our featured artist for our 2002 Fall Gala and Grand Opening. We look forward to presenting Terry's work.

#### Museum Receives Grant

The Calhoun County Museum has been awarded \$10,499 from the South Carolina Arts Commission. This Biennial Operational Support Grant helps the museum to sponsor many of it's outreach, art, and folk life programs throughout the year.

## I AM THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I am the flag of the United States of America. My name is Old Glory.

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.

I stand watch in America's halls of justice.

I fly majestically over institutions of learning.

I stand guard with power in the world.

Look up and see me.

Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth, and justice.

I stand for freedom.

I am confident.

I am arrogant.

am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners,

My head is a little higher, my colors a little truer.

I bow to no one!

I am recognized all over the world.

I am worshiped- I am saluted.

I am loved- I am revered.

I am respected-I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years. I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appomattox.

I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argome Forest, Anzio, Rome,

and the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa, Korea, and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me.

I was there.

I lead my troops.

I was dirty, battle worn, and tired,

but my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and trampled

on the streets of countries I have helped set free.

It does not hurt, for I am invincible.

I have been soiled upon, burned and torn and trampled on the streets of MY country.

And when it's by those whom I've served in battle - it hurts. But I shall overcome - for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth

and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space

from my vantage point on the moon.

I have borne silent witness

to all of America's finest hours.

But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages

for my wounded comrades on the battlefield,
When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,

or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent

at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,

I am proud.

MY NAME IS OLD GLORY LONG MAY I WAVE. DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN LONG MAY I WAVE.





Meet the Artist Sunday, November 11, 2001 2:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

We are very excited to announce our featured fall artist. Jean Ehler will be on hand on Sunday November 11, 2001 to show off her work. This event is taking place in conjunction with Dr. Walter Edgar's book signing. Jean Ehler is a new comer to Calhoun County, but I bet you have seen her work. The beautiful mural that you may have seen in the Calhoun House of Pizza was done my none other than our Jean Ehler. She is an added delight to our community. Jean's art show will hang in our gallery for the months of October, November and December and promises to be one show you can't miss. We are honored to have her work in our gallery. Mark your calendar for November 11, 2001. Light refreshments will be served.

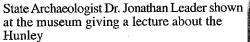
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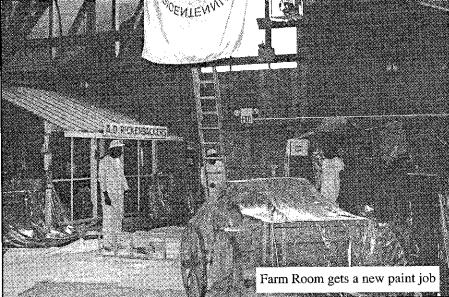
The Museum is open between the hours of 9-4 Monday-Friday. Assisted research is done by appointment only.

#### JAY LINK IS ALIVE AND WELL

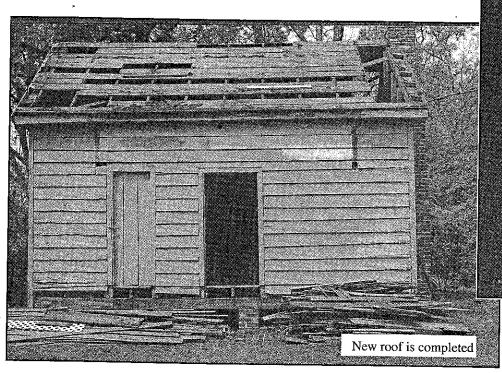
Just in case you haven't heard Jay Link was able to get out of the towers on September 11, 2001. Jay is the son of Kathy and Jim Link. Jay spent his formative years in Calhoun County and now lives in New York City.

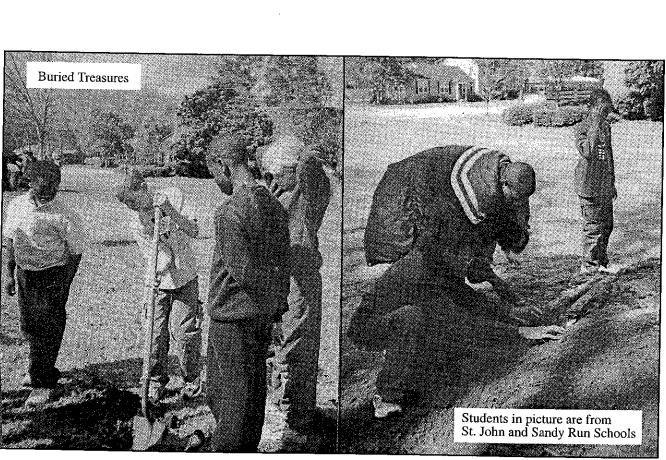






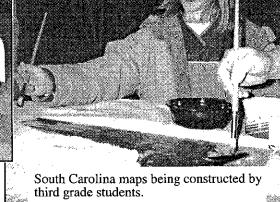


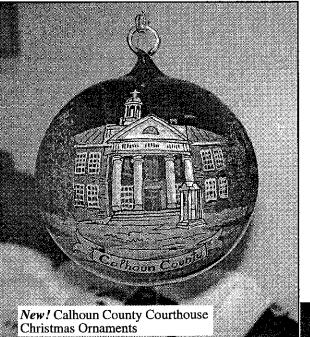




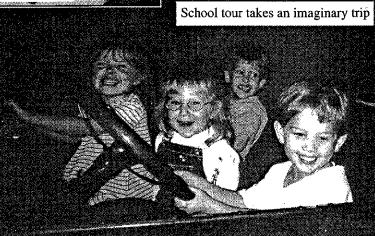
Patriotism comes in all ages! Fuller Dupont Prickett











Calhoun County Museum

PARTISANS AND REDCOATS
THE SOUTHERN CONFLICT THAT TURNED THE TIDE OF
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

AN INSIGTFUL ACCOUNT OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S KEY ROLE
IN THE BATTLE FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.
BY ONE OF THE SOUTH'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HISTORIANS

In the year 2001, incidents of terrorism and brutality are regular features on the evening news. As a society, we have unfortunately become somewhat inured to the violence that constantly surrounds us. Yet the carnage that took place in the American South during the Revolutionary War over two centuries ago is still staggering. Bloodshed, murder, and betrayal reigned in the lush landscape of South Carolina's backcountry and men and women were forced to fight against not only the British army, but in some cases against their neighbors, fathers, and sons. These people faced tremendous pain and anguish as they struggled to come to terms with their decision to become involved in one of the most brutal conflicts in history. Now Walter Edgar, one of the South's most distinguished historians and host of his own statewide public radio series radio show, takes an honest and in-depth look at these backcountry settlers' fight for freedom and South Carolina's pivotal role in the Revolutionary War in his latest work, PARTISANS AND REDCOATS: The Southern Conflict That Turned the Tide of the American Revolution (William Morrow; November 1, 2001; \$25.00)

Edgar, whose book South Carolina: A History is considered the definitive history of the state, gives a sweeping and authoritative narrative on what really happened in the South during the American Revolution between the years 1775 and 1782. He illustrates the fact that the Revolutionary War was also a Civil War in the South and the fight for freedom was not often clear. Many South Carolinians remained loyal to the King and became part of the Tory militia that helped wreak havoc on their soil. Families were torn apart by their opposing loyalties and it was not uncommon for father and son to fight against each other in battle. He also takes an uncompromising look at the extreme brutality perpetrated by the British army against the Partisans. These British atrocities triggered more violence and allowed the savagery of the war to descend to even lower levels. For many backcountry settlers, despair and rage over the destruction of their homes and the murder of innocent family members kindled a desperate desire for revenge against the British and their allies. Ultimately, the British army's overconfidence in themselves and their contempt for their opponents led to the fight to keep America under British rule.

But Walter Edgar's PARTISANS AND REDCOATS recounts much more than South Carolina's key historical figures and famous battles, and delves into the lives of relatively unknown men and women who were willing to risk their lives for the cause of American liberty. Their courageous actions during war are truly indicative of their total involvement in the war effort and their undying belief in freedom. Readers will learn about: William Batton, a colonel in the partisan militia who, after the fall of Charleston formed one of the first partisan resistance groups in the backcountry. Martha Robertson Bratton, one of the backcountry heroines of the Revolution who came to symbolize both defiance and mercy during the war. Joseph Kerr, a crippled resident of the Catawba river Valley who, despite his handicap, joined a local partisan band and served as a spy for the rebels.

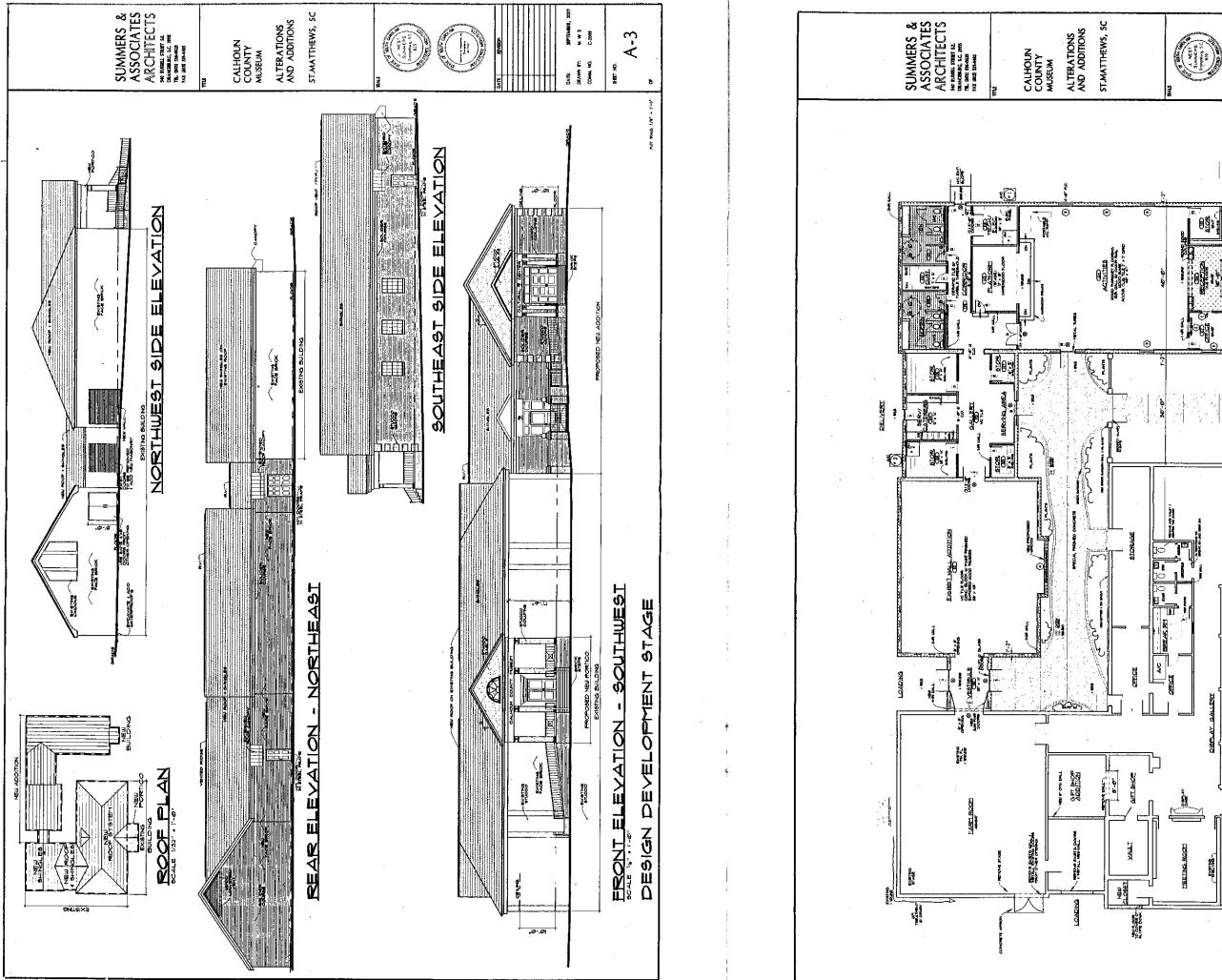
Edward Lacey, an ardent patriot whose father and brother were Tories .As a partisan captain he commanded one of the units that defeated the British during such crucial battles as Huck's Defeat and the Battle at King's Mountain. Jane Black Thomas, the wife of John Thomas, a commander of the Spartan Regiment, who overheard plans for a Tory Military operation and rode all night through enemy territory to warn her family and friends.

With his evocative prose, engaging style, and unique talent for presenting historical facts in an insightful, accessible way, Walter Edgar has once brought history to life with PARTI-SANS AND REDCOATS, the dramatic story of South Carolina's pivotal role in America's fight for freedom.

Walter Edgar is the author or editor of nine books on South Carolina and the American South and is the George Washington Distinguished Professor of History at the University of South Carolina. He can be heard throughout the state on its eight public radio stations every Sunday reading from his acclaimed book, *South Carolina: A History*, and on *Walter Edgar's Journal* every Friday. He currently lives in Columbia, South Carolina.



Dr. Edgar will give a lecture about his book at the Museum, November 11, 2001 beginning at 2:15.



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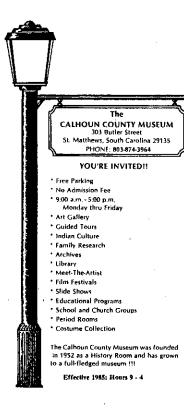
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## JOIN THE CALHOUN COUNTY MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER FRIENDS TODAY!



Extra! Extra!

All memberships expired on October 1, 2001.

Don't miss out on an exciting year. Renew your membership today!

Please make sure you send us your new mailing address. Your name will be deleted from our list, if we don't hear from you.

Good friendships are meant to grow and be shared! Help the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center to make new friends by telling your friends about us!!! Friends of the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center donations are tax deductible.

Yes I want to share in the activities of the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center. Please enroll me as a Friend of the museum!

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